

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Navigating the Future

Management Plan Review



What is Management Plan Review?

A sanctuary management plan is a site-specific planning and management document that describes the objectives, policies and activities for a sanctuary, and guides future management activities.

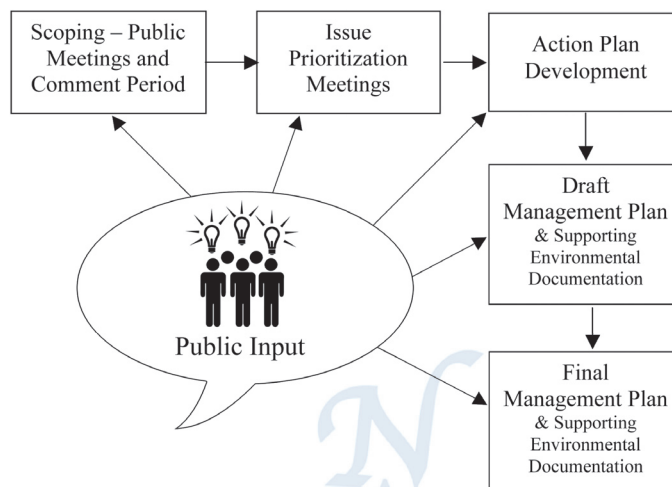
The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary's management plan dates back to 1993 and needs updating to ensure that we continue to best conserve, protect and enhance the nationally significant living and cultural resources in the sanctuary. Recent scientific discoveries, advances in managing marine resources, new resource management issues and new partnerships may not be addressed in the existing plans. We will be working with interested citizens, organizations, and agency representatives to develop a new management plan that will guide the sanctuary's work for the next five years or more.

How can I be involved?

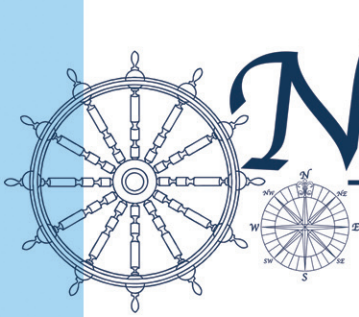
Management plan review is a public process that is greatly enhanced by the ideas and comments of interested and knowledgeable people. There will be multiple opportunities to participate in the process, beginning with the scoping meetings and continuing through the development of the draft and final management plans. To stay up to date on management plan review meetings and join our contact list, email or mail your contact information to:

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Management Plan Review Process Flowchart



For more information, visit our
Navigating the Future Website at
<http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/protection/mpr/welcome.html>



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Scoping Meetings

What are scoping meetings?

At the start of a management plan review, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary will hold public meetings to “scope out” or hear from resource users, interest groups, tribes, government agencies, and other members of the public on resource management issues. This information will help define the range of issues that will be addressed during the sanctuary’s management plan review.

Where will the meetings be held?

Date	Location	Time	Venue
Sep. 29, 2008	Port Angeles, WA	6 – 9 PM	Peninsula College Longhouse South end of Campus
Sep. 30, 2008	Neah Bay, WA	6 – 9 PM	Makah Marina Conference Center Makah Reservation, Bayview Ave.
Oct. 01, 2008	La Push, WA	6 – 9 PM	A-Ka-Lat Center Quileute Reservation, La Push Road
Oct. 02, 2008	Ocean Shores, WA	6 – 9 PM	Ocean Shores Convention Center 120 W Chance a La Mer NW
Oct. 03, 2008	Westport, WA	6 – 9 PM	Westport Maritime Museum 2201 Westhaven Drive,
Oct. 04, 2008	Olympia, WA	6 – 9 PM	Governor Hotel, Washington Room 621 S. Capitol Way
Oct. 05, 2008	Seattle, WA	6 – 9 PM	Seattle Aquarium 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59

For directions to the different venues, visit our website at
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What kind of comments are we looking for?

Scoping meetings provide an opportunity for people to make direct comments to the sanctuary on the management of its natural and cultural resources and overall administration. We encourage you to participate in the management plan review and welcome any comments related to the sanctuary. In particular, we are interested in hearing your views on:

- What you believe should be the sanctuary's management priorities for the next five to ten years
- Effectiveness of the existing management plan in protecting sanctuary resources
- Sanctuary resource management programs, activities and needs, including but not limited to resource protection programs, research and monitoring programs, education, volunteer, and outreach programs
- Implementation of regulations and permits
- Adequacy of existing boundaries to protect sanctuary resources
- Assessment of the existing operational and administrative framework (staffing, offices, vessels, etc.)

What can I expect at the scoping meetings?

Scoping meetings provide a forum for the public to provide comments on what they believe should be addressed in an updated management plan. They are not decision making meetings. At the beginning of each scoping meeting, sanctuary staff will provide background information on the sanctuary and answer questions. Following this introduction, the group will break up into discussion groups consisting of 10 to 12 people. A group leader will help guide the discussion and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to provide comments. Each group will have a recorder who will keep track of all comments so the participants can see their comments being recorded. All scoping meetings will follow a similar format, but they will be flexible enough to accommodate the number of people in attendance and the physical constraints of each location.

Share your ideas!

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary encourages you to participate in and provide comments at one of the scoping meetings being held throughout western Washington (see facing side for meeting dates, times, and locations). Each meeting is equally important. During the meetings, you can comment on any issue related to the management of the sanctuary.

If you are unable to attend the scoping meetings in person you can mail, e-mail or fax written comments directly to the management plan review team:

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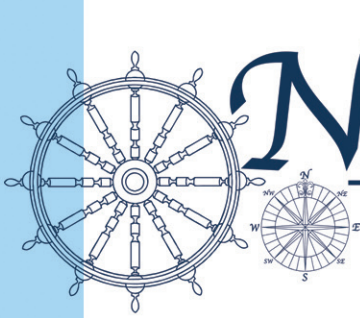
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The public comment period begins September 15 and remains open until November 14, 2008.



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NOAA Releases Report on Health of Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries has just released the first-ever Condition Report evaluating the health of Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, home to one of the richest and most productive marine ecosystems in the nation. This report describes the relationship between human pressures and the status and trends of natural resources within the sanctuary. By doing so, this Condition Report helps to identify the pressures and their impacts on marine ecosystems that may warrant monitoring and remediation in the future.

The full report is available online at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/science/condition/> along with an interactive web version featuring a breakdown of its findings.

Also available on this web site is an addendum to the Condition Report prepared by the Intergovernmental Policy Council (Makah, Quileute and Hoh tribes, Quinault Indian Nation, and Washington state). This addendum explains the unique management approach for fisheries in western Washington.

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